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Dear Gary,

While Harry Livingstone does not have a record that justifies taking his unsupported word for anything and, as you will see, in the enclosed letter to Rookstool I do not say I believe him, I do have letters in which he does say what I state he said.

The caution "do not embarrass the Bureau" is the common warning from FBIHQ in authorizing actions that are not strictly speaking normal practise or are normally prohibited. This is why I say what I do.

Because, if he says in his book, that he had a "deal" with the FBI, that surely will be embarrassing.

Whether it is true or false.

If as he has said and written often he did get help from the FBI, it will have records with which to deny it. Even if it is true. I have innumerable instances.

In one letter Harry says he spent two hours with Rookstool.

If true that is not really consistent with Rookstool's telling me Harry was a nuisance in whom he had no interest.

He also told me he had about five inches or five pounds of stuff from Harry.

I do not know what the truth is. I do know that the FBI has always had an interest in the critics and files on us not infrequently filed as "subversive."

So, I decided to write him and let him know.

The letter to which he did not respond is the one enclosing what I asked your permission to give it to him. I did not attach a copy to the copy of my letter of 3/27 to him. I presume it also refers to working with the FBI.

The FBI has much false information on us, judging from its records on me and some others that I do have. Some of it any publisher would want sourced.

Whatever the truth about the cooperation Harry claims to have may be, if Harry says it in the book, and it is the kind of statement any publisher would like, it will embarrass the Bureau. And whatever the truth about Rookstool may be, it does seem to me to be unusual that he has spent so much time with critics. I believe he would not have without official approval of it.

Because I do not want this to get around you are the only one to whom I am sending a copy. If you have any reason to believe what Harry claims or to have doubts about what Rookstool is really doing, I'd like to know.

Best,

Harold